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IX. *A Continuation of an Account of an Essay towards a Natural History of Carolina, and the Bahama Islands, by Mark Catesby, F. R. S. with some Extracts out of the Sixth Set; by Dr. Mortimer, R. S. Secret.*

Accounts of the first five Sets, which compose the first Volume of this beautiful Work, have been given in N°. 415, 420, and 426, of these *Transactions*. The Author designs in this second Volume to exhibit the *Fish*, *Reptiles*, *Quadrupeds*, and several sorts of *Plants*; in the former Volume having treated chiefly of the *Birds* and *Trees*. This sixth Set, or first Part of the second Volume, contains the Figures and Descriptions of *Fish*. In Plate

1. *Umbla minor marina, maxillis longioribus*. vid. Sloane Hist. Jam. Tab. 247. fig. 3. The *Barracuda*. The Flesh of this *Fish* is very unwholesome, and frequently poisonous.

Vulpis Bahamensis.

2. *Perca marina Gibbosa cinerea*. The *Margate-Fish*. This is esteem'd very good Meat.

Saurus ex cinereo nigricans. The *Sea Sparrow-Hawk*.

3. *Perca marina, pinna Dorsi divisa*. The *Croaker*. This *Fish* is tolerable good Meat.

Perca marina rubra. The *Squirrel*. It is a good eating *Fish*.

4. *Perca marina, Rhomboidalis, fasciata*. The *Pork-Fish*. The *Bahamians* esteem this a good *Fish*.

Perca marina, pinnis branchialibus carens.
The School-master.

5. *Perca marina, venenosa, punctata.* The Rock-Fish. This Fish is reckon'd the most poisonous of any among the *Bahama* Islands. Many of these Fish, which are poisonous in one Place, are not so in another; and tho' the Inhabitants can give a near Guess, yet they are sometimes miserably deceiv'd.

6. *Perca marina capite striato.* The Grunt. *Albula Bahamensis.* The [*Bahama*] Mullet. It is esteemed a good eating Fish, and is caught in great Plenty.

7. *Perca marina puncticulata.* The Negro Fish.

Perca marina, cauda nigra. The Black-Tail.

8. *Hirundo.* The Flying-Fish. The Wings with which it flies in the Air, are only a Pair of very large Finns, which serve as such in the Water, and make it a very swift Swimmer. It is a good eating Fish.

Perca marina, Setatrix. The Rudder-Fish, so called because they are always seen following Ships, or sticking to the Rudders.

Perca fluviatilis gibbosa, ventre luteo. The Fresh-Water-Pearch. By some called Ground-Pearch, from their burrowing into and covering themselves in the Mud or Sand.

9. *Turdus pinnis branchialibus carens.* The Mangrove Snapper. It is esteemed pretty good Food.

10. *Turdus rhomboëdalis.* The Tang. This Fish hath on each side the Tail a sharp pointed Bone, which it can erect in its own Defence.

Turdus cauda convexa. The Yellow-Fish.

11. *Turdus flavus.* The Hog-Fish.

Turdus cinereus, peltatus. The Shad. This Fish hath an oval bony Substance upon his Nose, like a [Pelta] small Shield. It is esteemed a good Fish.

12. *Turdus, oculo radiato.* The Pudding-Wife. Round the Eye spread seven blue Rays, at almost equal Distances, but of unequal Lengths.

Alburnus Americanus. The Carolina-Whiting. This is accounted tolerable good Meat.

13. *Mormyrus, ex cinereo nigricans.* The Bone-Fish.

Corallina fruticosa elatior; ramis, quaquaversum expansis, teretibus. Sloane Hist. Jam. Vol. I. p. 57. The Sea-Feather. This Plant, and also the great Sea-Fan grow upright as most Land-Plants do; and do not grow horizontally as is usually thought.

14. *Cugupuguacu, Brasl.* Sloane Hist. Jam. p. 247. The Hind. It is esteemed a good Fish to eat.

Saltatrix. The Skip-Jack. It hath obtained its Name from its frequent Skipping out of the Water. It is tolerable good Meat.

15. *Suillus.* The great Hog-Fish.

16. *Aurata Bahamensis.* The Porgy. It is a good eating Fish.

17. *Salpa purpurascens variegata.* The Lane-Snapper.

Petimbubabo, Brasl. Willough. p. 233. and App. 22. The Tobacco-Pipe Fish. It is long and slender like a Pipe, whence it hath receiv'd its English Name.

18. *Novacula cærulea*. Will. p. 214. Tab. O. 2.
The *Blue-Fish*.

19. *Unicornis Piscis, Bahamensis*. The *Bahama Unicorn-Fish*. These *Fish* grow only to two or three Feet in length, and a little behind the Eyes have an Horn about nine Inches long, which they can move at pleasure. They are accounted poisonous.

20. *Muræna maculata, nigra vel viridis*. The *Muray*. The Inhabitants of the *Bahama* Islands eat only the Green sort, esteeming the Black ones poisonous to eat; yet the Bite of them is not venomous.

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